



# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

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## Greater Philadelphia ZOA 2026 Congressional Primary Election Questionnaire

### Cover Letter:

Dear Candidate for United States Congress,

Please consider responding to the questions in this candidate questionnaire from the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America and returning the answers by April 19, 2026. The Zionist Organization of America is one of the oldest Jewish organizations in the United States, tracing its roots to 1897. ZOA is an educational non-profit, non-partisan organization. Greater Philadelphia ZOA is one of ZOA's largest and most active chapters.

We are issue-oriented, and our priority issues are: the well-being of the Jewish People; the well-being of the largest Jewish community in the world, which is the Jewish state of Israel; the well-being of the United States; and the well-being of the mutually beneficial America-Israel relationship. We therefore solicit candidates' positions and views on these issues. Most candidate's campaign websites and literature focus on domestic policy positions, and some do not address foreign policy issues at all. As a member of the United States House of Representatives, assorted foreign policy issues are a significant part of legislation, hearings and considerations, and are of great interest to many constituents.

ZOA and Greater Philadelphia ZOA do not endorse any candidates. We will share all responses to our questionnaire verbatim with our members, supporters and friends via email, and on social media for the community at large -- and we will also indicate who chose not to respond.

Our region has one of the largest concentrations of Jews in America and should you win election, many of the Jewish people in our region will be your constituents. There are many non-Jews in our area who also care deeply about these issues.

Please email us your completed questionnaire by April 19, 2026. Please send it to: [office@zoaphilly.org](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org) subject line: "Congressional Questionnaire." If you have any questions or would like more information, please call us at 610-660-9466. Thank you in advance for participating. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

*Steve Feldman*

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Executive Director

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1. If elected to the House of Representatives, what are the top three foreign affairs issues that you would focus on or that are important to you and your constituents?
2. Pennsylvania's 3<sup>rd</sup> congressional district includes a diverse constituency and among them are a significant number of Jewish Americans. As you may or may not be aware, much of the Jewish community is under duress as attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions are at or are near record highs. As a member of the House, what might you do to reduce or eliminate anti-Jewish activity in your district and throughout the country?
3. Do you regard the nation of Israel as an indispensable ally of America's?
4. Do you support the creation of a Palestinian state in the Israeli regions of Judea and Samaria (also known as "the West Bank")? If you do, and if you were serving in Congress would you vote for such a state as soon as you are sworn into office, or do you believe that now is not the time for a Palestinian state?
5. In your view, what is the one issue which has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?
6. Do you support/would you vote in favor of passage of H.R.1007 - Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2025, as it currently reads? See: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1007?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22antisemitism%22%7D&s=6&r=2>
7. Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims, and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?
8. The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump in his first term, but the Biden administration reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary in the areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority, do you believe that all aid to the Palestinian Authority should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?
9. Does the Israeli government have a right/obligation to take all measures to defend the nation against states and non-state actors who attack it and/or to take preemptive action when threatened?
10. Does Israel have a right to exist as a Jewish state?

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